

Remarks

In the Office Action mailed on March 14, 2005, the Examiner required an election of one of three inventions in the present application. Invention 1 was indicated as corresponding to Claims 1 to 7 and 17; Invention 2 as corresponding to Claims 8 to 12, 18 and 19; and Invention 3 as corresponding to Claims 13 to 16, 20 and 21.

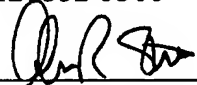
While Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's position regarding the number of inventions found within the claims, in the interest of expediting examination of the application, Applicants elect Invention 3, claims 13 to 16, 20 and 21, without traverse. Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits of claims 13 to 16, 20 and 21.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Election and Response to the current Office Action, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative Alan Stewart, at 612.371.5376.

Respectfully submitted,

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